GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2185
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2000
IMPOSITION OF BAN ON FEATURE FILM JORU KA GULAM
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a): whether various organisations associated with Valmiki Community have given memorandum to the Union Government for imposing ban on Hindi movie `Joru Ka Gulam` in which the actor has insulted the Valmiki community by addressing Lord Valmiki as a dacoit;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d): the action being taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Representations, objecting to a reference made to Maharishi Valmiki in the film `Joru Ka Gulam`, were received from a number of organisations associated with the Valmiki community.

(c) & (d): The Central Government had referred the film to the Central Board of Film Certification for re-examination and based on the Board`s recommendations, the Government has already ordered deletion of the objectionable reference from the film vide order dated 5.7.2000.